

Brookline Police Officers, who are certified as NHTSA Child Passenger Safety Technicians, are available to instruct parents on the proper use of child restraint systems, assist with installations and provide education to the community in the use of child seats and seatbelts.

Approximately 8 out of every ten child seats are being used incorrectly.

Check points are done by appointment only. Please contact the Community Service Division at (617) 730-2603 to schedule an appointment.

To learn more about child seat and passenger safety, please visit:

www.mass.gov/childsafetyseats

Common Misuses of a Child Safety Seat

- Not using the right child safety seats for a child's size and age;
- Not placing the child safety seat in the correct direction;

- Incorrect installation of the child safety seat in relation to the vehicle's air bags;
- Incorrect installation and tightness of the child safety seat to the vehicle seat;
- Not securing/tightening the child safety seats harness and crotch straps;
- Improper use of locking clips for certain vehicle safety belts;
- Not making sure the vehicle's seat belts fit properly across the child when using a booster seat; and
- Using a defective, expired, or broken child safety seat.

